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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE DELIVERED ON U.S. NOMINEE FOR UN INTERNATIONAL LAW COMMISSION

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(SBU) On August 25, Poloff met with MFA International Law and Treaties Department Desk Officer Pham Thi Thu Huong to deliver reftel diplomatic note and bio in support of the U.S. candidate for the International Law Commission (ILC). After receiving the diplomatic note, Huong explained that information about other ILC nominees and requests for support had been arriving at the MFA since June. [Note: Post received reftel on August 22. End note] A packet containing information and recommendations about these nominees was compiled by the Law and Treaties Department and forwarded to MFA senior officials for a decision "a couple weeks ago." Despite the lateness of the U.S. request, Huong said she would forward the information about Mr. Matheson in an amendment to the earlier package. The Embassy will be informed as soon as a decision is made.

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